

# FLOOD EVENT OF 5/27/1771

## SUSQUEHANNA BASIN

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County
Missing	missing	5/27/1771	missing	missing	missing	James	missing	missing

## Weather Summary

The weather summary is unavailable.

## Crest Statistics/Flood Information

Flood occurred 5/27/1771

First flood of 1 that occurred in May, 1771 that we could find.

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Number of Floods at MARFC Forecast Points - missing

Number of Floods Cresting in **Minor** Range - missing

Number of Floods Cresting in **Moderate** Range - missing

Number of Floods Cresting in **Major** Range - missing

On May 27, 1771, a wall of water came roaring down the James River valley following ten to twelve days of intensive rain. As water swept through Richmond, buildings, boats, animals, and vegetation were lost. About one hundred fifty people were killed as the river reached a flood stage of forty-five feet above normal. A monument to the flood was inscribed by Ryland Randolph, of Curles, in 1771-72: "... all the great rivers of this country were swept by inundations never before experienced which changed the face of nature and left traces of violence that will remain for ages."

[Source: http://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=9248](http://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker=9248)